



Jerry's Journal

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Students return full-time from Monday 25 May, 2020.

COVID-19 restrictions have had an impact on every member of the community, and will continue to do so as we head into winter. All staff have very much enjoyed having our students back over the past couple of weeks, and we are looking forward to seeing them back full-time from next week.

We have implemented a number of changes at the school. Children are cleaning their hands when they go in and out of a room. We are all practicing physical distancing. Classroom touch points and equipment are being cleaned throughout the day, as is our play equipment. Students are currently able to choose one piece of sports equipment that they use for the whole day. It is also cleaned several times per day, and not shared with anybody else.

It is important that all students continue to follow good hygiene practices, including:

- *Regularly washing hands.
- *Avoiding sharing drinks and food.
- *Coughing or sneezing into their elbow, or a tissue, which should be discarded immediately.

Please remember, non-essential visitors should not be in the school.

Please read the Guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning, included in this Newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school during this time.

Basketball Court Update

After many months of waiting, work will restart on the basketball court next week, and is due to be completed on 23 June.

Cake Raffle

The cake raffle will restart next week. Thank you to Easy Bake Cakes for your ongoing support.

Miss Renneberg and Mrs Renneberg

I would like to welcome Teresa Renneberg as our newest member of staff. With Miss Renneberg now working as the Instructional Leader at Jerry's Plains, Milbrodale and Martindale Public Schools, Mrs Renneberg will be working with us two days per week. Mrs Renneberg has a wealth of experience, and we are very pleased to have her at Jerry's Plains... even if it is a little confusing having both Miss Renneberg and Mrs Renneberg at the school!

Digital Newsletters

If you require a printed copy of the newsletter please let us know.

Michael Frith
Principal.

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This guide is for parents and carers

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.



Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.



Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

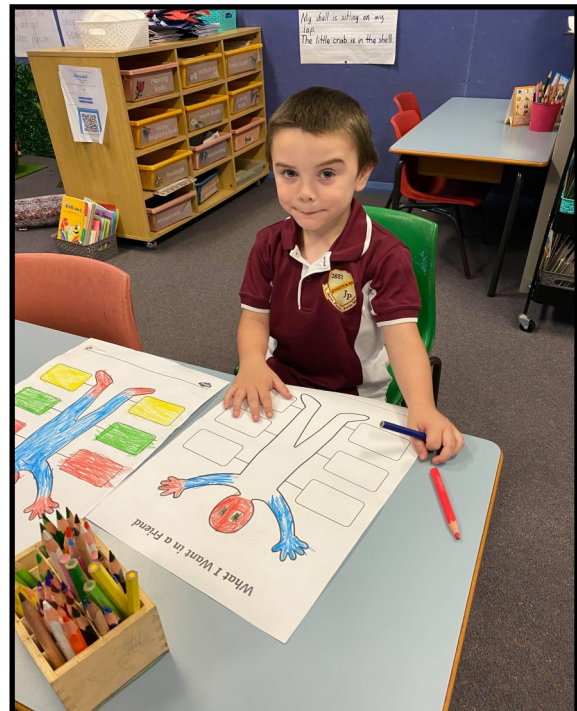


Jerrys Juniors

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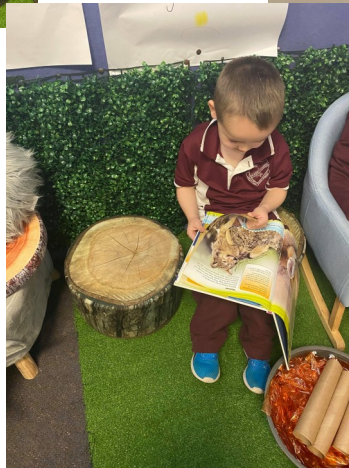
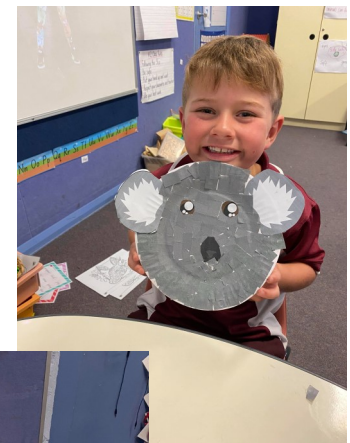
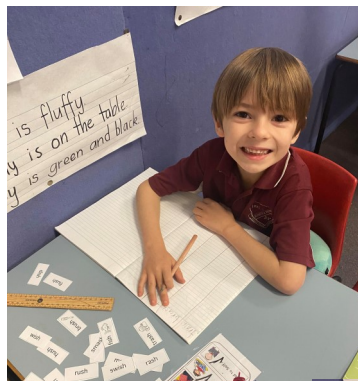
Miss Schreiber has welcomed back her little learners! She has missed them very much. Jerrys Juniors enjoyed their first day back, visiting the K-2 classroom.



Miss Schreiber

K-2 Classroom

Miss Schreiber and Miss Renneberg have missed their K-2 students. They have settled back into the classroom beautifully. Here are some happy snaps of the students enjoying their time back at school.



Miss Renneberg & Miss Schreiber

3-6 Classroom

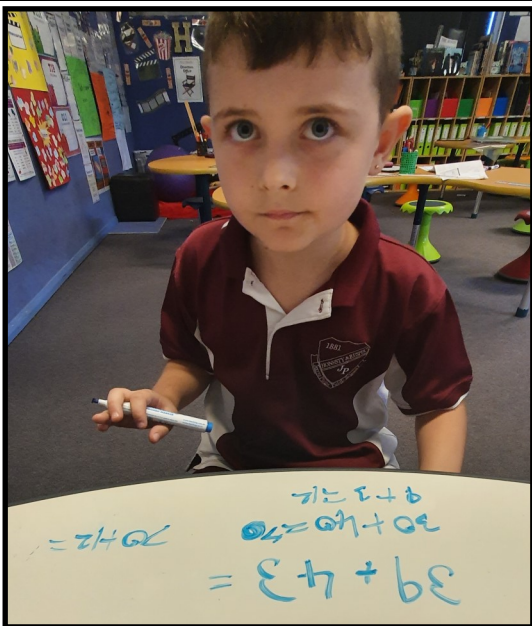
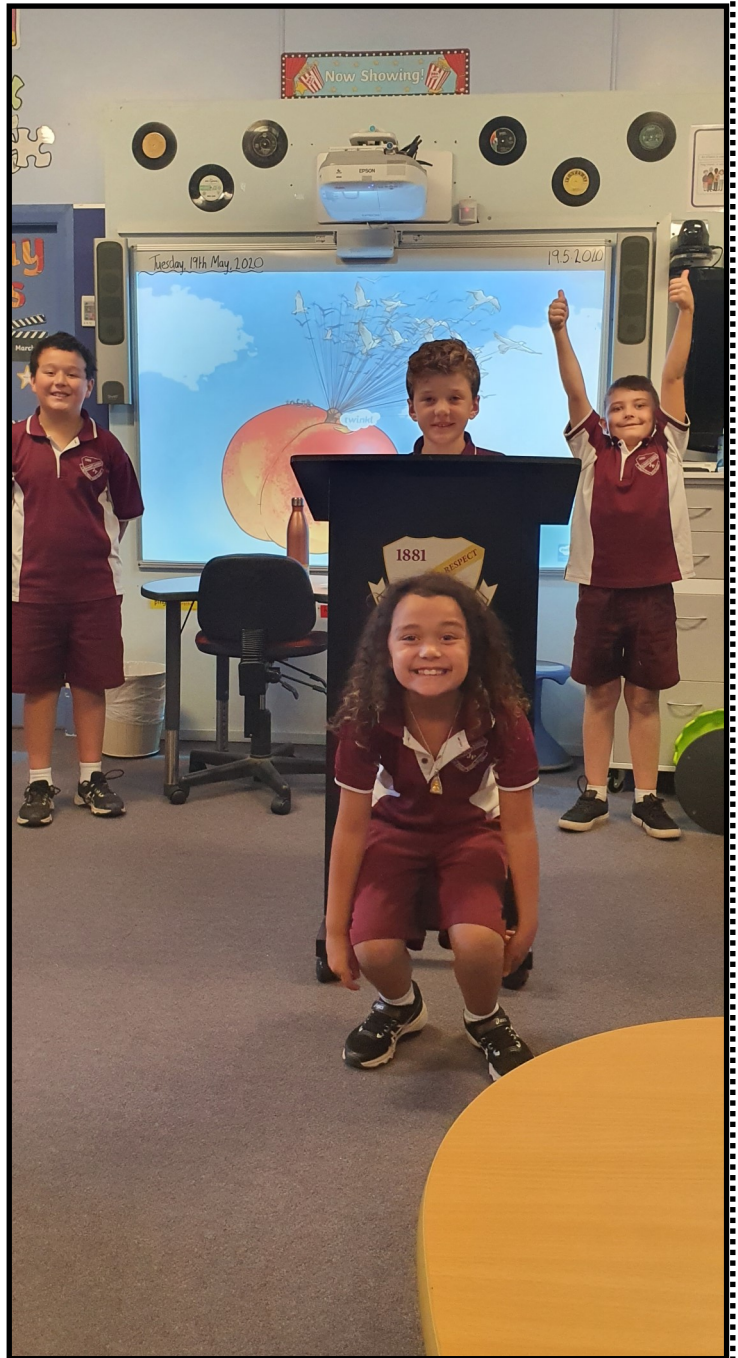
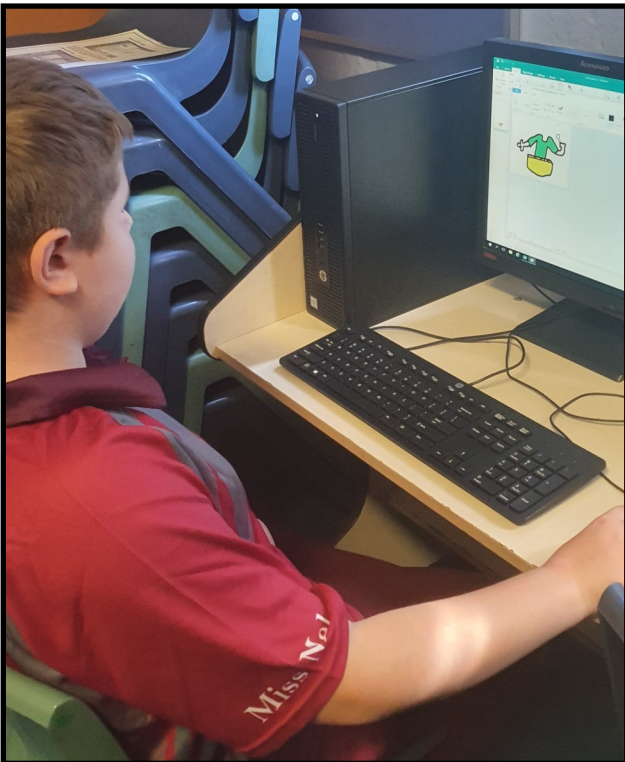
A peek at our learning this term

Students have been working hard at school and home over the past term.

They have participated in Zoom meetings, and shared activities through platforms such as Class Dojo and Google Classroom outside of the classroom.

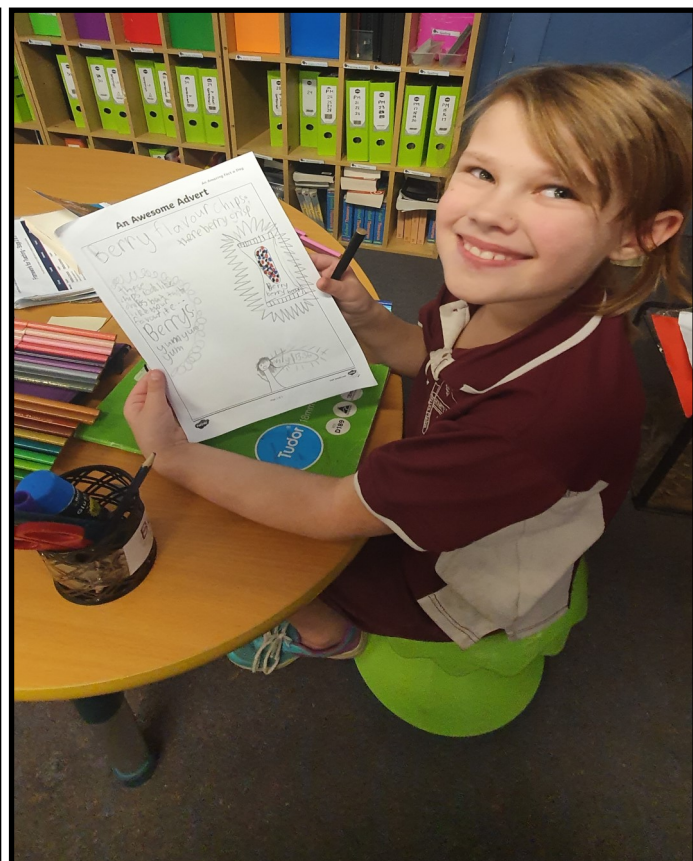
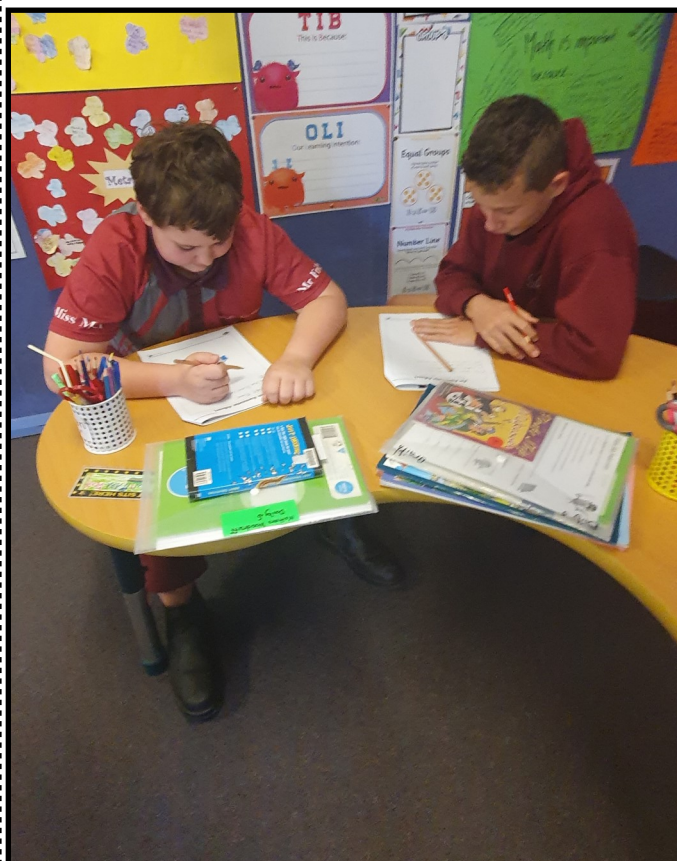
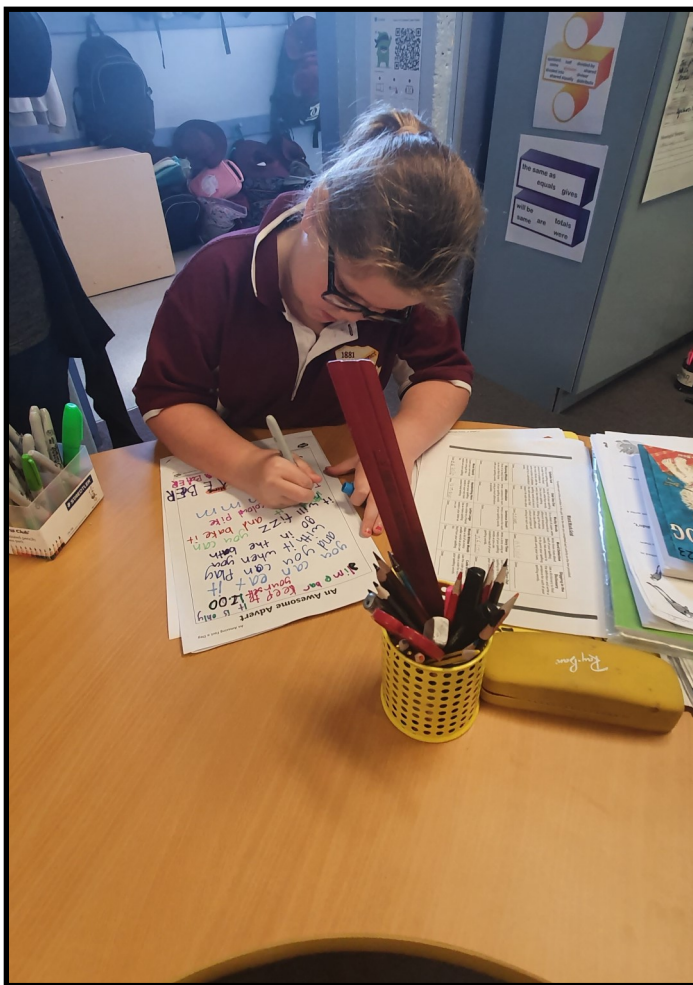
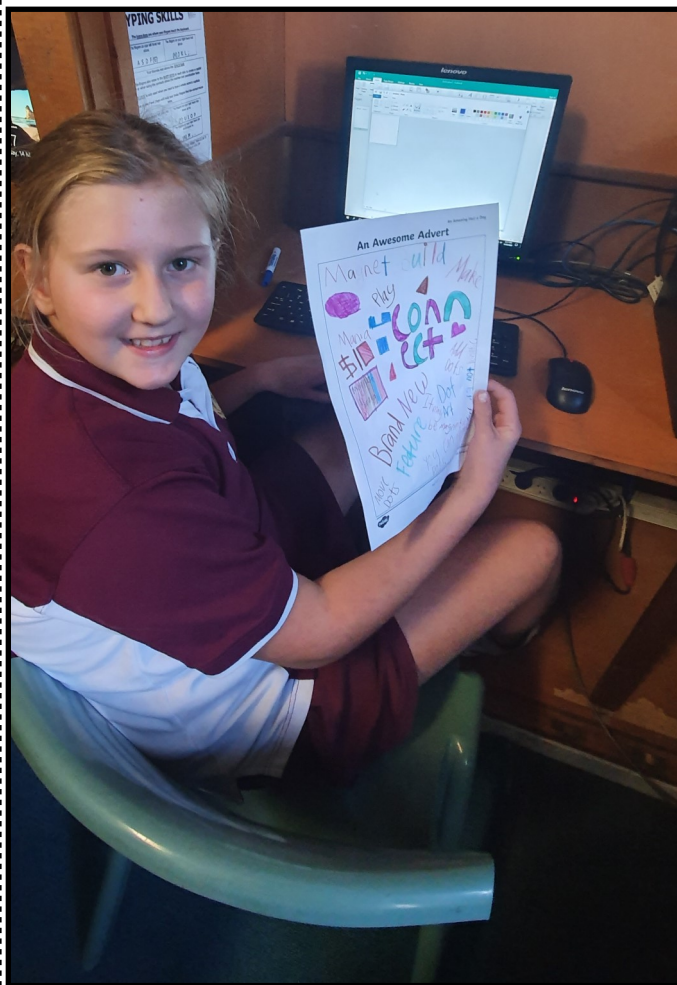
At school, students contribution to learning has been fantastic!

We are so excited to be back into our Hollywood Classroom and looking forward to the rest of our term together. :-)



Mrs Holt

3-6 Classroom



“Learn to play,
play to learn”

Kaye's
Kids



Welcome back 😊

Kayecare has been rather busy with many changes regarding early childhood protocol. The one thing that hasn't changed is our enthusiasm and open minds towards keeping active, safe and healthy in this crazy time.

As usual we have covered many areas of development and learning, the kids are so eager to strive ahead.

Our focus has been on child protection and supervision, both very important issues.

We celebrated Easter with bunnies and dress up play.

Elise turned a big 4 and says she is ready for big school.

We have planted sunflowers and each child took a pot of seeds home to grow. We will follow the journey of each child's task. The kids have been nurturing their vege pots and caring for our chickens, learning about sustainability.

One of our pre schoolers has been busy working on following direction and listening skills.

Our baby, Billy, has managed to crawl and has settled in so well. He is enjoying every part of his environment. Keeping outdoors as much as possible, we have enjoyed picnics in special places - the nature area is the most popular.

Rock collecting, painting and decorating has caught the imagination of the kids as well as adding sand for texture. This lead to messy sensory play.

The kids have fostered friendships in a positive way, Kaye couldn't be more proud of her little flock.

Have a safe and amazing weekend.

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Cake Raffle will resume from next Friday, 29th May.

**Tickets on sale from office at anytime,
50c per ticket.**

**Cake will be drawn on Friday afternoon and
winner will be notified by phone call.**

The plan from Monday 25 May

Returning to the classroom full-time



**Welcoming all students back to learn
together at school**

1

From May 25

- Students will attend school full-time five days a week

2

Keeping schools safe together

- Schools have cleaning and essential hygiene supplies
- Excursions and inter-school activities are on hold for now
- Non-essential visitors should not be on site

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Your school will advise you about local arrangements

- Get in touch with your school if you have any questions

These arrangements were assessed and reviewed, taking into account the latest health advice.

For more information:

education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families



Travel information for students returning to school

From Monday 11 May children will gradually return to face-to-face learning. It's an important step for the whole community and public transport is critical in helping students get to and from school safely. It's just one of the ways we're supporting the community during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The safety of our customers and staff is always our number one priority. During the Coronavirus outbreak, we've continued to do everything we can to make sure our services are safe and the cleanest they've ever been. As more children start to return to school we're ramping up our [safety and cleaning efforts](#) even more.

To encourage physical distancing on our services, we are offering guidance and encouraging our customers to ensure they play a part in helping us keep the network, and them safe but we will not enforce physical distancing. Customers will need to make the right decisions for themselves when it comes to keeping a safe distance.

Transport for NSW continues to support physical distancing where possible, this will not apply dedicated school services, as no school student will be turned away. Parents and carers should not send children on public transport if they are displaying any symptoms of being unwell.

These times can be a challenge for us all in different ways so it's important for us all to be as kind and as patient as possible. Just a smile and a hello can help make such a difference.

You can also download the [COVIDSafe app](#). The voluntary app helps protect you by using technology to quickly identify if you've been in close contact with someone with Coronavirus.



Loaned Laptops and Chargers

Please remember to return all laptops and chargers on Monday when students return to school.

Please return them to the office so they can be marked off.

This is very important as the students will need to use them at school during the week.

